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by deleting all language after the enactment clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, § 2-5-208 (d) is amended by adding the following new subdivision (2) and by renumbering the subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

(2) In such column for independent candidates, for the November 2000 general election, if the presidential candidate of a party which is not a statewide party received more than five thousand (5,000) votes in Tennessee in the November 1996 presidential election, then in addition to listing the name of a candidate who was nominated by such candidate's political party, the candidate may elect to have the candidate's party name included in the space allocated on the ballot for the candidate along with the name of such candidate. After the November 2000 general election, in order for these provisions to apply, the presidential candidate of a party which is not a statewide party must receive at least two and one-half percent (21/2%) of the votes cast in Tennessee in the last presidential election preceding the election in which the candidate seeks to have such candidate's party name included in such space on the ballot. The candidate's nomination shall be certified by the party's chairman or executive committee to the election commissions receiving the nomination petitions. The deadline for such certification shall be the appropriate qualifying deadline for an office. However, for the 2000 elections for congressional and state legislative offices, the deadline for such certification shall be twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time on the sixth Thursday prior to the regular August election.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.